



GRACE EPISCOPAL CHURCH
The Sixth Sunday after Pentecost
July 4, 2021
Morning Prayer, Rite 2

Book of Common Prayer

PRELUDE

Adagio on "America, the Beautiful" - J. A. Konkel

GREETING AND OPENING SENTENCE

And hope does not disappoint us, because God's love has been poured into our hearts through the Holy Spirit that has been given to us. ~Romans 5:5

CONFESSION OF SIN AND ABSOLUTION

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The Officiant says to the people.

So now let us confess our sins against God and our neighbor

Silence may be kept.

Officiant and People together,

Most merciful God,

we confess that we have sinned against you in thought, word, and deed, by what we have done, and by what we have left undone.

We have not loved you with our whole heart; we have not loved our neighbors as ourselves.

We are truly sorry and we humbly repent. For the sake of your Son Jesus Christ,

have mercy on us and forgive us; that we may delight in your will, and walk in your ways, to the glory of your Name. Amen.

Almighty God have mercy upon us, forgive us all our sins through our Lord Jesus Christ, strengthen us in all goodness, and by the power of the Holy Spirit, keep you in eternal life. **Amen.**

INVITATORY AND PSALTER

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Officiant: Lord open our lips.

People: **And our mouth shall proclaim your praise.**

GLORIA (All)

Glory to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit: as it was in the beginning, is now, and will be for ever. Amen. Alleluia.

ANTIPHON

Worship the Lord in the beauty of the holiness: **Come let us adore Him.**

VENITE

In unison

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ANTIPHON

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HYMN #470

There's a wideness in God's mercy

PSALM 48

Responsively by whole verse

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¹ Great is the LORD, and highly to be praised; in the city of our God is his holy hill.

² Beautiful and lofty, the joy of all the earth, is the hill of Zion, the very center of the world and the city of the great King.

³ God is in her citadels;
he is known to be her sure refuge.

**⁴ Behold, the kings of the earth assembled
and marched forward together.**

⁵ They looked and were astounded;
they retreated and fled in terror.

**⁶ Trembling seized them there; they writhed
like a woman in childbirth, like ships of the
sea when the east wind shatters them.**

⁷ As we have heard, so have we seen,
in the city of the LORD of hosts, in the city of
our God; God has established her for ever.

**⁸ We have waited in silence on your loving-
kindness, O God, in the midst of your temple.**

⁹ Your praise, like your Name, O God,
reaches to the world's end;
your right hand is full of justice.

**¹⁰ Let Mount Zion be glad
and the cities of Judah rejoice,
because of your judgments.**

¹¹ Make the circuit of Zion;
walk round about her;
count the number of her towers.

**¹² Consider well her bulwarks;
examine her strongholds;
that you may tell those who come after.**

**¹³ This God is our God for ever and ever;
he shall be our guide for evermore.**

**Glory to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit;
as it was in the beginning, is now, and will be for ever. Amen. Alleluia.**

A READING FROM 2 CORINTHIANS 12:2-10

I know a person in Christ who fourteen years ago was caught up to the third heaven – whether in the body or out of the body I do not know; God knows. And I know that such a person – whether in the body or out of the body I do not know; God knows – was caught up into Paradise and heard things that are not to be told, that no mortal is permitted to repeat. On behalf of such a one I will boast, but on my own behalf I will not boast, except of my weaknesses. But if I wish to boast, I will not be a fool, for I will be speaking the truth. But I refrain from it, so that no one may think better of me than what is seen in me or heard from me, even considering the exceptional character of the revelations. Therefore, to keep me from being too elated, a thorn was given me in the flesh, a messenger of Satan to torment me, to keep me from being too elated. Three times I appealed to the Lord about this, that it would leave me, but he said to me, “My grace is sufficient for you, for power is made perfect in weakness.” So, I will boast all the more gladly of my weaknesses, so that the power of Christ may dwell in me. Therefore I am content with weaknesses, insults, hardships, persecutions, and calamities for the sake of Christ; for whenever I am weak, then I am strong.

The Word of the Lord. **Thanks be to God.**

CANTICLE 9 ~ *The First Song of Isaiah* *In unison*

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HYMN #635

If thou but trust in God to guide thee

A READING FROM THE GOSPEL OF MARK 6:1-13

Jesus came to his hometown, and his disciples followed him. On the sabbath he began to teach in the synagogue, and many who heard him were astounded. They said, “Where did this man get all this? What is this wisdom that has been given to him? What deeds of power are being done by his hands! Is not this the carpenter, the son of Mary and brother of James and Joses and Judas and Simon, and are not his sisters here with us?” And they took offense at him. Then Jesus said to them, “Prophets are not

without honor, except in their hometown, and among their own kin, and in their own house." And he could do no deed of power there, except that he laid his hands on a few sick people and cured them. And he was amazed at their unbelief.

Then he went about among the villages teaching. He called the twelve and began to send them out two by two, and gave them authority over the unclean spirits. He ordered them to take nothing for their journey except a staff; no bread, no bag, no money in their belts; but to wear sandals and not to put on two tunics. He said to them, "Wherever you enter a house, stay there until you leave the place. If any place will not welcome you and they refuse to hear you, as you leave, shake off the dust that is on your feet as a testimony against them." So they went out and proclaimed that all should repent. They cast out many demons, and anointed with oil many who were sick and cured them.

The Word of the Lord. **Thanks be to God.**

PSALM 24 ~ Domini est terra

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**The earth is the Lord's and all that is in it,
the world and all who dwell therein.
For it is he who founded it upon the seas
and made it firm upon the rivers of the deep.
"Who can ascend the hill of the Lord?
and who can stand in his holy place?"
"Those who have clean hands and a pure heart,
who have not pledged themselves to falsehood,
nor sworn by what is a fraud.
They shall receive a blessing from the Lord and a
just reward from the God of their salvation."
Such is the generation of those who seek him,
of those who seek your face, O God of Jacob.**

**Lift up your heads, O gates;
lift them high, O everlasting doors;
and the King of glory shall come in.
"Who is this King of glory?"
"The Lord, strong and mighty,
the Lord, mighty in battle."
Lift up your heads, O gates;
lift them high, O everlasting doors;
and the King of glory shall come in.
"Who is he, this King of glory?"
"The Lord of hosts,
he is the King of glory."**

REFLECTION AND A TIME OF SILENCE – A bell will sound three times.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

THE APOSTLE'S CREED

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THE LORD'S PRAYER *traditional*

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SUFFRAGES "B"

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THE COLLECT FOR THE DAY

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O God, you have taught us to keep all your commandments by loving you and our neighbor: Grant us the grace of your Holy Spirit, that we may be devoted to you with our whole heart, and united to one another with pure affection; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. Amen.

A COLLECT FOR INDEPENDENCE DAY

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Lord God Almighty, in whose Name the founders of this country won liberty for themselves and for us, and lit the torch of freedom for nations then unborn: Grant that we and all the people of this land may have grace to maintain our liberties in righteousness and peace; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. Amen.

A COLLECT FOR THE MISSION OF THE CHURCH

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Everliving God, whose will it is that all should come to you through your Son Jesus Christ: Inspire our witness to him, that all may know the power of his forgiveness and the hope of his resurrection; who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. Amen.

A COLLECT FOR GRACE

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Lord God, almighty and everlasting Father, you have brought us in safety to this new day: Preserve us with your mighty power, that we may not fall into sin, nor be overcome by adversity; and in all we do, direct us to the fulfilling of your purpose; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

WE PRAY FOR ALL OF WHO HAVE BEEN IMPACTED BY THE COVID-19 VIRUS -- THOSE WHO ARE SICK, THOSE WHO'VE DIED, AND THOSE WHO MOURN. *Silence*

AS WE PRAY FOR THE FOLKS ON OUR PRAYER LIST ...

for all who are traveling, especially **Josey Parker** and **Cameron Klass** ...

and those with special needs:

Scott Biesecker, **Mark** Adkins, **Chris** Alexander, **Cora** Alexander, **Amanda** Amon, **Ella** Asebes, **Alice** Brandon & family, **Baylee** Brown, **Gayle** Burke, **Andrea** Cain, **Stella** Cappel, **Russell** Cinque, **Lynne** Cleckley, **Becky** Clodfelter, **Richard** Cooper, **Morgan** Curia, **Barbara** Dixon, **Johanna** Dresser, **Suzanne** Eller, **Anita** Ewbank, **Mark** Frye, **Aubrie** Gallen, **Shana** Garland, **Marlon** Gaskins, **Susan** Gibson, **Holly** Gray, **Jan** Greer, **Jane** Grimes, **George** Hanna, **Rob** Hare, **Kristen** Harris, **Elizabeth** Harvey, **Nancy** Hinkle, **Chris and Mike** Hodges, **Jon** Huff, **Nancy** Hutchins, **Lindsay** Layfield, **Cara** Lee, **Lynn** Mack, **Carol** May, **Kate** McKenzie, **Nicholas** Melomo, **Molly** Michael, **Roan** Mitchell, **Dan & Fran** Moore, **O'Lema** Morgan, **Page** Onorato, **Lynn** Parsley, **Gabby** Plott, **Jacklyn** Rojas, **Suzy** Sheets, **Talmadge** Silversides, **Amy** Burkhart Smith, **Dan Griff** Smith, **Martha Ellen** Smith, **Louise** Snyder, **Clarice and Henry** Surratt, **Robin** Tilley, **Jackie** Touchton, **Toni** Underwood, **Kathy** Watson, **Frances** Welch, **Courtney** Weller, **Susan** Whetmore, **Flynn** Williams, **Mary** Williams, and **Charlotte** Young.

✦ *At this time, you may offer your prayers in the comments bar on Facebook so that we may pray with you through the week.*

ORGAN MEDITATION

O day of peace that dimly shines (tune: Jerusalem)

A PRAYER OF ST. CHRYSOSTOM *In unison*

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DISMISSAL Let us bless the Lord. **Thanks be to God!**

To the King of the ages, immortal, invisible, the only God, be honour and glory for ever and ever. **Amen.**

~1 Timothy 1:17

POSTLUDE

National Hymn (God of Our Fathers) - J. W. Kerr

Service Leader: Pat Plummer **Lector:** Wes Allred
Audio Visual: David Jones